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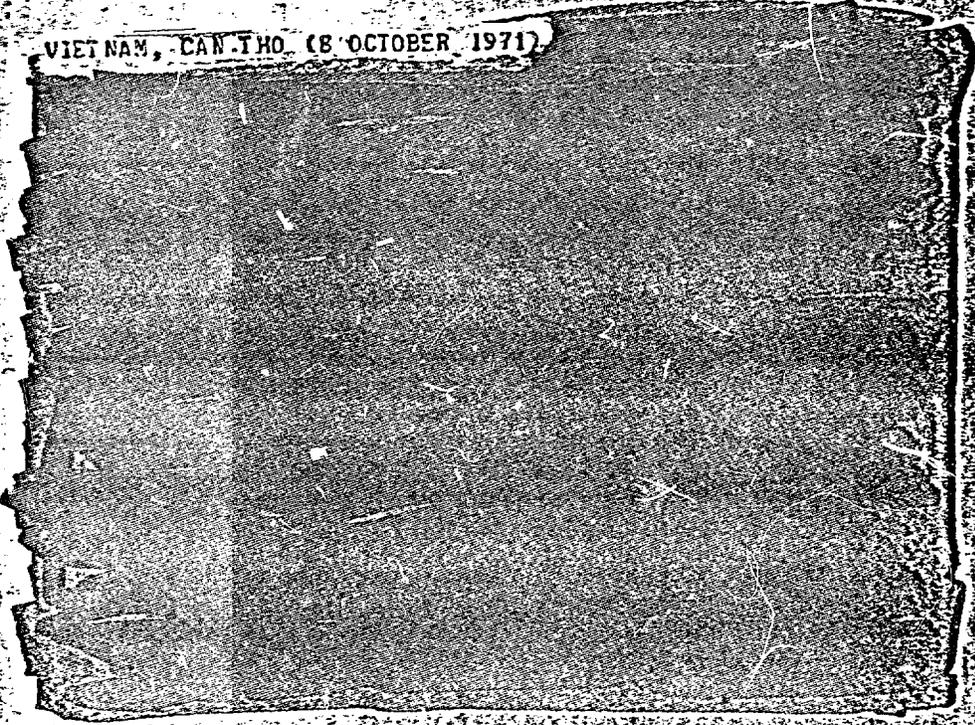
SUBJECT OBSERVATION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN HANOI

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VIETNAM, CAN THO. (8 OCTOBER 1971)

SOURCE



1. IN OCTOBER 1966 [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 103RD HOSPITAL IN HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM, AND WHILE THERE HE

[REDACTED] AN AMERICAN PRISONER WHO HAD A BROKEN ARM. [REDACTED] N-87

2. WAS THE PILOT OF AN F4-H FIGHTER BOMBER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN BY A [REDACTED] 1390

3. MISSION OVER HA TAY PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, ON 15 OCTOBER 1966. [REDACTED] 1:50,000 Coord: [REDACTED]

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1:250,000 Coord: [REDACTED]

UTM Card: [REDACTED]

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PN CAMP (NP LANG RIEN BRIDGE) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THE AMERICAN WERE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN GOING OVER A LIST OF STATES [REDACTED] RECOGNIZED THE STATE OF VIRGINIA AND, WHEN SHOWN A ROAD MAP OF VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] PICKED OUT THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH AS BEING PART OF THE PILOT'S ADDRESS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE PILOT WAS A LIEUTENANT, 1.8 METERS (5 FEET, 11 INCHES) TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 100 KILOGRAMS (220 LBS.). HE HAD BLOND, MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR, SQUARE FACE, THICK EYEBROWS, PLUMP CHEEKS, HIGH NOSE, WELL-TRIMMED MUSTACHE, SMALL EVEN TEETH, SQUARE CHIN, STOCKY BUILD AND DARK HAIR ON HIS ARMS AND CHEST.

2. IN EARLY 1967 AN AMERICAN F-105 FIGHTER PLANE WAS HIT BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE MISSILE OVER THANH BA DISTRICT, VINH PHUC PROVINCE. THE PILOT PARACHUTED INTO BINH QUYEN VILLAGE, PHU NINH DISTRICT, VINH PHUC PROVINCE, AND WAS CAPTURED BY A LOCAL MILITIA UNIT. [REDACTED] THE

PILOT WAS TAKEN TO BINH QUYEN VILLAGE, WHERE HE WAS INTERROGATED FOR TWO HOURS BY DISTRICT AND PROVINCE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICERS. THE INTERROGATION WAS IN VIETNAMESE AND THE PILOT DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. A PUBLIC SECURITY CAPTAIN ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND SPOKE TO THE PILOT IN ENGLISH. THE PILOT ANSWERED BUT [REDACTED] DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HE SAID. THE PILOT WAS TAKEN TO HANOI BY AUTOMOBILE. THE PILOT WAS A CAPTAIN, 1.9 METERS TALL, WHO HAD LONG, RED, CURLY HAIR, LARGE EYES, LARGE RED NOSE, FAT CHEEKS, SMALL CHIN, THIN LIPS, SMALL UNEVEN TEETH AND YELLOW HAIR ON HIS ARMS. WHEN CAPTURED, HE WAS DRESSED IN A DARK BROWN FLIGHT SUIT AND WAS ARMED WITH TWO PISTOLS AND A KNIFE. [REDACTED] SAID THE PILOT WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT LEG.

3. IN SEPTEMBER 1969 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHILE CROSSING THE LONG BIEN BRIDGE, HE OBSERVED ABOUT TEN AMERICAN PRISONERS, DRESSED IN BLACK SHIRTS AND SHORTS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS NOT CERTAIN WHERE THE PRISONERS CAME FROM BUT SAID THAT THERE WAS A PRISON CAMP NEAR THE LONG BIEN BRIDGE CALLED THE BEN PHA DEN (BLACK FERRY) CAMP. HE SAW ABOUT 40 PRISONERS IN THE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS ABOUT 500 METERS FROM THE LONG BIEN BRIDGE AND ABOUT 150 METERS FROM THE FERRY LANDING. IT WAS 25 METERS OFF THE DAI LO TRAN QUANG KAI HIGHWAY WHICH RAN FROM THE BRIDGE TO THE CAN DUC STREET INTERSECTION. BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND THE CAMP WERE A MAINTENANCE SHOP ABOUT 50 METERS FROM THE BRIDGE, A GASOLINE STATION, BLACK FERRY LANDING ABOUT 300 METERS FROM THE BRIDGE, AND A CARPENTRY SHOP.

4. [REDACTED] SAID THE PRISON CAMP WAS BUILT OF STONE, 30 METERS LONG AND 2.5 METERS HIGH. A STONE FENCE THREE METERS HIGH WITH BARBED WIRE SURROUNDED THE CAMP, WITH A GUARD POST AT ITS ENTRANCE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT PRIOR TO 1969 THE CAMP HAD BEEN USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE DETENTION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS BUT SINCE 1969 HAD BEEN USED TO DETAIN AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM SON TAY PRISON. THERE WERE ONE CHINESE COMMUNIST ANTI-AIR-CRAFT BATTALION AND TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY BATTALIONS IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT DOAN THAN D U C, AGED 39, AN INTERROGATION OFFICER IN CAMP, THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE TREATED WELL. THEY WERE GIVEN BREAD, MILK, CIGARETTES AND A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF .80 DONG PER DAY (3.5 DONG ARE EQUIVALENT TO US\$1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE). THEY HAD A CLUB AND WERE ALLOWED TO PLAY SOCCER, PING PONG AND OTHER SPORTS.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, USMACV, 7TH AIR FORCE, NAVFORV, CINCPAC, PACFLT, ARPAC, PACAF [REDACTED]

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